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R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 30, 37 and 39 have been amended to positively recite an input device having a displayed input pointer (see claim 21), and independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39 have been amended to clarify the feature of the present invention whereby an arbitrary part of a displayed operation target is specified by indicating a start position and an end position with an input pointer of the input device.

In addition, claims 41 and 42 have been amended to better accord with their respective amended parent claims 21 and 30.

Still further, new independent method and apparatus claims 43 and 47 have been added based on, for example, the subject matter of claim 30, but do not explicitly recite that the arbitrary part of the operation target is specified via an input pointer of the input device.

Yet still further, new claims 44-45 and 48-49 have been added based on the subject matter of, for example, now canceled claims 31 and 32.

And finally, new claims 46 and 50 have been added to recite the feature of the present invention whereby the arbitrary part

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of the displayed operation target is specified by receiving a result of voice recognition of words input from a user and determining a part of the operation target corresponding to the received voice recognition result as the specified part of the operation target. See, for example, the disclosure in the specification at page 51, line 16 to page 54, line 11.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

CLAIM FEE

The application has previously contained as many as 20 claims in total and 5 independent claims, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 21 claims, of which 6 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee (for a small entity) in the amount of \$125.00 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim and 1 extra claim in total is submitted herewith. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 21-24, 28, 30-33 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Microsoft

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Windows NT (previously cited "Windows") and USP 5,418,950 (newly cited "Li et al"), and claims 25-27, 34-37, 41 and 42 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Windows and Li et al with various combinations of USP 5,276,795 (previously cited "Hoeber"), USP 6,583,797 (previously cited "Roth"), *Microsoft Word 2000* (previously cited "MS Word"), USP 5,781,192 (previously cited "Kodimer"), "Google Groups" (previously cited "Tim"), and *The Mac Observer* (previously cited "Jalby"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed.

As pointed out by the Examiner, Windows discloses selecting and transferring data, but, as acknowledged by the Examiner, Windows does not disclose performing a single event with an input device to transfer specified data in the operation target. For this reason, the Examiner has cited Li et al to supply the missing teachings of Windows.

As recognized by the Examiner, according to Li et al the text of a SELECT statement can be copied to the FULLSELECT text pane by clicking once on the SELECT statement. See, for example, Fig. 3a.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that according to Li et al it is only possible to select and transfer the data of an entire operation target (SELECT statement). Thus, it is

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respectfully submitted that Li et al does not disclose, teach or suggest selecting and transferring data an arbitrary part (not merely an entirety of) an operation target by performing a single operation.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that even if the teachings of Windows and Li et al were combinable in the manner suggested by the Examiner, the features of the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39 and new independent claims 43 and 47 would still not be achieved or rendered obvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 21, 30, 37 and 39, new independent claims 43 and 47, and dependent claims 24-26, 28, 33-35, 41, 42, 44-46 and 48-50, all now patentably distinguish over Windows and Li et al, taken singly or in combination with any of the other cited references, under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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